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- 1. PERMREP DISCUSSED PROPOSED LETTER TO PRESIDENT WITH FOBES WHO FULLY AWARE OF WAY IN WHICH SUCH LETTER WOULD BE HANDLED IN WASHINGTON. PROBLEM IS THAT DG M'BOW, WHO HAS NEVER BEEN SERIOUSLY EXPOSED TO THE U.S., DOES NOT HAVE A REALISTIC VIEW OF WORKING OF US SYSTEM AND CANNOT BELIEVE SUCH A LETTER WOULD NOT RECEIVE PERSONAL ATTENTION OF PRESIDENT. LIKELY THAT DG IS ADVISED BY NAJMAN WHO, ALTHOUGH FAMILIAR WITH US, DOES NOT FULLY APPRECIATE COMPLEXITIES OF US SYSTEM.
- 2. FOBES WILL MAKE EFFORT TO EXPLAIN REALITIES TO M'BOW BUT DOUBTFUL IF THIS WILL HAVE GREAT EFFECT. PERMDEL RECOMMENDS DEPT. GET IN TOUCH WITH NAJMAN IN NEW YORK, OR AWAIT HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND, , RAISE MATTER WITH HIM. RISK MAY BE THAT NAJMAN INTENDS KEEP LETTER SECRET AND NOTHING SHOULD BE DONE WHICH MIGHT JEOPARDIZE FOBES. HOWEVER, OPENING MAY COME WHERE NAJMAN WILL RAISE ISSUE AND THEN CAN BE MADE AWARE OF HOW LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUCH A LETTER WOULD BE TREATED.

- 3. IN PERMOEL'S VIEW ANY ACTIVITY HERE TO DISCOURAGE SENDING A LETTER MIGHT BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE OTHER THAN EMPHASIZING THAT ON MATTERS SUCH AS THIS, DEPT WOULD HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR A REPLY. ONE POSSIBILITY MAY BE FOR THE LETTER TO BE SENT TO USNATCOM INSTEAD OF WHITE HOUSE. IF FOBES COMES HE COULD THEN DELIVER THE LETTER TO CHAIRMAN OF COMMISSION, AND THIS MIGHT BE A WAY OUT.
- 4. AS TO FOBES' VISIT, PERMDEL GENERALLY OF VIEW THAT ANY VISIT BY HIGH-RANKING UNESCO OFFICIALS, PARTICULARLY FOBES, IS CONSTRUCTIVE AS IT WOULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR FOBES TO DO OTHER USEFUL THINGS WHILE IN WASHINGTON. IF THERE HAS TO BE A DELIVERY, WOULD MUCH PREFER IT COME THROUGH FOBES THAN ANY OTHER UNESCO OFFICIAL. AS WE DOUBT DG CAN BE DISSUADED' WOULD RECOMMEND THAT PERMDEL TAKE NO AFFIRMATIVE ACTION TO DISCOURAGE VISIT ALTHOUGH WE CAN QUIETLY TRY TO INJECT A NOTE OF GREATER REALITY INTO THE SITUATION. RUSH

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